

# EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN HONOR OF DOUG MARTIN

**HON. HENRY A. WAXMAN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 6, 2003*

Mr. WAXMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate and honor the life of one of our country's leading disability rights advocates, Douglas A. Martin. UCLA and Doug's family will commemorate his remarkable contributions at a memorial on May 8, 2003.

Doug's commitment to disability rights began in a very personal way. When he arrived for college orientation in a wheelchair, he was told he must pass a physical exam in order to be in good standing. When Doug did not pass the physical due to his disability from contracting polio as a child, he made a vow that he would pursue his education to make sure this would not happen to anyone else. Doug applied at UCLA and later graduated with the highest honors, earning his bachelor's and master's degrees simultaneously. He completed his Ph.D. in urban studies two years later.

Doug went on to uphold his vow in a truly remarkable and sweeping fashion. He became a strong voice for our country's disabled population and helped shape our national disability rights policies.

After graduation, he began his career as a pioneer in the field of disability rights, earning honors and praise from every level of government, the public sector, and private industry. Doug became an original founder of the Westside Center for Independent Living (WCIL) and developed a modern model for independent living skills and is an indispensable resource for residents of Los Angeles County.

Doug was appointed to the State Council on Disabilities by Governor Edmund G. Brown in 1981, and was later appointed to the Governor's Advisory Task Force on Long Term Care, receiving the Governor's Trophy Award in 1985. As a member of the State Building Standards Commission, Doug was instrumental in the creation of California's seminal accessibility requirements. He also was a lead participant in developing Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990.

Doug joined UCLA as a Special Assistant to the Chancellor in 1989, where he continued to work until recently. In this capacity, Doug initiated a disability overhaul for the campus. Doug's work resulted in UCLA adding access ramps, handrails and curb ramps in inaccessible areas, and providing volume amplifiers and special telecommunications devices on pay phones for the deaf and hearing-impaired. Evacuation chairs have been added in numerous buildings for use in emergency situations, and signs in Braille have been installed as well. Doug also oversaw the addition of accommodations for students with learning disabilities, including note-takers, disability counseling and peer-mentoring support groups.

When Doug arrived at UCLA in 1989, 75% of the campus buildings were largely inaccessible to people with disabilities. Today, that number approaches zero, as almost every building has been modified to accommodate the disabled.

In addition to Doug's work at UCLA, he has served on a number of important committees and has played a vital role in all of them. He was a member of the National Academy of Social Insurance, a member of Senator BARBARA BOXER's Central District Judicial Appointment Advisory Committee, a member of the Advisory Committee for the National Council on Disability, and a participant in both the National Council on Disability Forum and the Office of Special Education and Rehabilitation Forum.

Doug was a founding member of the Society for Disability Studies, a fellow with the World Institute on Disability, the chair of the Social Security Subcommittee of the National Council on Independent Living, and a member of the National Invitational Working Group.

Our nation owes Doug a debt of gratitude for his profound commitment to the disabled and for leaving a legacy of action that will forever enrich their lives. I ask my colleagues to join me in acknowledging Doug's tremendous contributions and in expressing deepest condolences to his family, his colleagues and his friends.

HONORING COACH DOUG DICKEY  
UPON HIS RETIREMENT AS  
MEN'S ATHLETICS DIRECTOR OF  
THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE

**HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.**

OF TENNESSEE

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Mr. DUNCAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Coach Doug Dickey upon his upcoming retirement as the Men's Athletics Director at the University of Tennessee, UT. Throughout his impressive career, Coach Dickey has set an example of leadership and service not only to the University of Tennessee, but also to the entire State of Tennessee and Volunteer fans around the Country.

Although Coach Dickey will soon be retiring, the legacy of excellence he has so well established will continue to inspire the University and its athletic programs for years to come. I am proud to call Doug a personal friend, and I join the entire UT community in wishing him the very best in his future endeavors.

Doug has been Athletic Director at the University of Tennessee for the past 17 years, but his support of collegiate athletics includes time spent as quarterback for the University of Florida's football team, an assistant coach, head coach, as well as, administrator.

During his tenure as the Men's Athletic Director for the University of Tennessee, Doug has raised the standard of excellence for all

UT athletics. During the past several years alone he has seen the school earn the National Championship in football, go to the College World Series in baseball, reach the NCAA finals in tennis, become the NCAA champions in track and field to name only a few.

In addition to the remarkable leadership he has brought to UT athletics, Doug has been recognized nationally for his abilities by being asked to serve on numerous collegiate athletics boards and committees. More lasting than titles and athletic accomplishments, however, Doug has provided consistent and exceptional leadership for his coaches and players.

This Nation is a better place today because of the work he has done for the University of Tennessee and, more importantly, the inspiration and guidance he has given to so many young people who are still doing good and great things for this Country.

Each Member of this body has a favorite collegiate athletics program, but I believe we can all agree that it is the caliber of individuals like Coach Dickey that makes these programs the success they are. To Doug I say congratulations on your retirement, and on behalf of UT fans everywhere I say thank you.

HONORING DAVID RAY MEYER  
FOR EARNING THE SILVER  
AWARD OF VENTURING

**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize David Ray Meyer, a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America and Venturing, and in earning the most prestigious Silver Award.

David has been very active in Venturing, having camped 349 nights, traveled afoot or afloat for 873 miles and taking expeditions at Packard in 1999, Philmont from 1999–2002, Pamlico in 2002, as well as visits to resident camps at Naish, Bartle, Geiger and Chickahominy. In the 11 years he has been involved in Boy Scouts and Venturing, David has served in many leadership capacities as Boy Scout senior patrol leader, patrol leader, scribe, instructor, troop guide, junior assistant scout master, Venturing president, vice-president, treasurer, and quartermaster, as well as VOA treasurer, president, and program director, and OA Lodge treasurer, chapter secretary and vice chief.

Additionally, David has received numerous awards for his many achievements. He has been honored with the Arrow of Light Award, the Eagle Scout Award, 6 Eagle Palms, the Gods and Country Award, the Bronze and Gold Venturing Awards and the Venturing Leadership Award.

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